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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER ON US MINING OF CHITTAGONG HARBOR

1. MARCH 18 INAUGURAL ISSUE OF SUNDAY (ENLIGH- LANGUAGE HINDUSTHAN STANDARD'S WEEKLY MAGAZINE) FEATURES OTHERWISE PEDESTRIAN MID- JANUARY INTERVIEW WITH PRIME MINISTER GANDHI IN WHICH PRIMIN IS QUOTED BY CORRESPONDENT (JYOTIRMOY DATTA) AS "CONFIRMING" THAT AMERICAN SEVENTH FLEET WAS MINING CHITTAGONG HARBOR DURING BANGLADESH WAR.

2. RELEVANT PASSAGE:

CORRESPONDENT: THE INDIAN MIDDLE CLASS WAS PANICKY AT THE IDEA OF A FOREIGN FLEET PROWLING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THERE WERE INSPIRED LEADS AND RUMORS FROM AMERICAN SOURCES THAT SUCH A FLEET WAS COMING TO THE AID OF THE PAKISTAN ARMY. LATER STATEMENTS BY THE SPOKESMEN OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE SHOWN THAT THE AMERICAN FLEET HAD BEEN ACTIVELY MINING THE CHITTAGONG BARBOR." PRIME MINISTER: "THEY WERE. THEY WERE."

3. ARTICLE BEING POUCED NEW DELHI AND DEPT.

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